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Minister:

REV. JOHN OGDEN WINNER, M. A.

20 PARK STREET.

The pastor will preach at both services to-morrow, 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday, February 11, special Lincoln Service in the morning at 10.30 in the interests of Freedmen. At evening service 7.45, Mrs. Charles Woodruff of Flemington will speak on "Home Missions" by request of our local Home Mission Society.

Every member of the Sunday-school is urged to be present to-morrow. A subject of importance to all will be presented by the superintendent.

Do not forget the midweek devotional meeting Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Tuesday, 8 P. M., meeting of Official Board.

Thursday, 2.30 P. M., meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society.

This afternoon a sociable by the members of Junior League. All juniors and their parents invited. 2.30 to 5.

To-night — BASKET-BALL GAME. Admission, ten cents. A good game expected.

**Mountainside Hospital.**  
The annual meeting of the Mountainside Hospital was held at the Evans Home for Nurses Tuesday, January 30, at 8 o'clock. As the report of the secretary of the Governing Board is of public interest it is presented in full:

While the opening months of the year 1911 were momentous in their import and fraught with decisions carefully and conscientiously adjudged to be for the best interests of the hospital in carrying on its work harmoniously and successfully, it, like its predecessors, has been one of accomplishment and progress.

In reviewing the list of patients cared for during the year we find that there has been quite an increase in the number of admissions, 1,207 patients having received care and treatment; of which 730 were surgical cases, 530 requiring operations. Two hundred and fifty-three were occupants of private rooms, 203 received free treatment and of the 751 remaining ward patients 381 paid the usual ward prices; 259 paid half rates, the remaining 121 paying according to their ability.

The children's ward was in active service throughout the year, forty-two children receiving care and treatment. One hundred and five patients were cared for in the maternity department. The work of this department is rapidly increasing. At times during the year applicants have been refused admission on account of the demand being greater than the supply, both public and private wards being taxed to the utmost.

The out patient department ministered to 756 patients, and as many of these returned for daily treatment the calls on the dispensary during the year were 1,660.

It gives us pleasure to record that the work of the hospital was never more satisfactorily administered. Mention has heretofore been made of the efficiency of our superintendent, Miss Harriet T. Meiklejohn, and we are pleased to state that our confidence in her ability to carry on successfully the work of the institution is not misplaced, this being manifested not alone in the orderly and systematic condition of the hospital in all of its departments or in the sympathy and harmony prevailing between her, her assistants and the nurses, but also in the appreciation by the members of the visiting staff of her intelligent and interested co-operation with them in their endeavors to keep the work done in the hospital up to the highest ideals of modern and scientific methods of medicine and surgery.

Appreciating the degree of efficiency to which the hospital has attained in its treatment of the sick and suffering we cannot speak too highly of the faithfulness of our staff of physicians and surgeons, who, actuated by the desire to make the Mountainside Hospital equal to the best in the land, a place where the sick poor will receive care that cannot be excelled in any other institution, have unselfishly devoted their time and skill to the work

of the hospital without thought of reward beyond the experience they may gain from their labors, giving the same care and attention to the suffering poor as to their richer neighbor.

As there is a great deal of interesting work and many interesting cases are seen in the hospital and dispensary with the hope of benefiting the institution and those connected with it, a clinician society composed of all the physicians who have official connection with the hospital, was organized in December with the purpose of promoting scholarly and scientific interests in medical subjects, and the furtherance of a feeling of mutual fellowship among the physicians.

Regular meetings are to be held at the hospital at which there will be a definite programme. A specific time will be given to members for reporting comprehensively cases of interest and ample time will be allowed for discussion.

Additions were made to the hospital staff during the year by the appointments of Dr. William R. Broughton as consulting ophthalmologist; Dr. Ralph Opdyke, consulting aurist, and Dr. Herbert W. Foster of the homoeopathic school of medicine as a member of the visiting staff.

The use of the private rooms and the operating room was accorded to Dr. Morgan D. Hughes of the regular school and Dr. John H. Young of the homoeopathic school, and as there are now four physicians of the homoeopathic school of medicine associated with the hospital, patients preferring that treatment may receive it both in the private rooms and in the wards. There have been twenty-five patients of this school cared for in the private rooms during the year and since the appointment in March of a homoeopathic physician on the visiting staff nineteen patients have received treatment in the wards.

The usual interesting graduation exercises of the Training School were held in the Unity Church, Upper Montclair, on the evening of May 23. Eight of the nurses received their diplomas, thus depleting the number in the school, and although more difficult than usual was experienced in securing probationers of the standard required by the hospital to fill vacancies, the school is up to the maximum, twenty-seven being the full complement required.

The efforts of the members of the Hospital Board and of the auxiliary to secure for the nurses a change in the routine of their work by providing for their rest and recreation has proved successful. The usual dance following the graduation exercises, the Christmas dance given them by a member of the board, the Christmas tree furnished by the auxiliary, followed by an informal dance, gifts of books, magazines and fruit, tickets for entertainments and automobile rides; all provided an enjoyable and healthy change.

On the afternoon of October 28 the hospital was opened to the public for its second annual day of inspection. In every building the members of the

Governing Board welcomed their friends, many having availed themselves of the invitation extended through the daily press, and between the hours of 2 and 6 the hospital presented a most animated scene, the governors showing their guests through the different buildings, feeling much gratified by their expressions of pleasure and commendation of the work.

As inquiries are often made regarding the hospital, its work, what it stands for, etc., a small pamphlet giving the required information in the form of questions and answers was prepared and a number distributed during the year. Copies of the pamphlet will be kept at the hospital and may be obtained from the superintendent or from the Board of Governors.

Owing to the repairs of the previous year the hospital was in excellent condition at the beginning of the current year, and little has been necessary in the way of construction; the year's addition to the general equipment being only the completion of the much needed changes in the power house.

Early in May, acting upon the recommendation of our advisory board, the work of reconstruction was awarded to Walter Kidde, engineer and constructor, New York city, and the work has been completed with the following satisfactory results: Several extra windows have been placed in the power house, the old high pressure boiler has been removed, a new chimney built and a large high pressure boiler installed. The position of the engine has been changed, a coal bin of cement built to hold from 75 to 100 tons and a block and pulley system installed for removing ashes. The old wooden stairs have been replaced with an iron staircase and platform, a new high power drying room for laundry use has been built in a portion of the engine room, thereby enlarging the laundry considerably; a new piece of laundry apparatus, namely, a body ironer, has been installed and an independent water line run in to the laundry and power house have been treated with two coats of white cold water paint and the building painted also on the outside.

In the accomplishment of these changes we appreciate not only Mr. Kidde's careful and conscientious work, but his contribution to the hospital of the usual commission allowed for professional advice and personal supervision.

We regret to record that on account of contemplated absence from home during the coming year, our President, Mrs. Henry A. Strohmeier, has felt obliged to refuse a further term of service. So able and acceptable has been her administration of this office, that she has endeared herself to the heart of every member of the board, and we regret that she will continue to be associated with us in the work.

Our regret however, is tempered by the pleasure we experience in the resumption of the office by our former President, Mrs. Franklin H. Hooper, whose faithful and conscientious service during past years, assures us that the work of the hospital will be carried on.

We truly appreciate the assistance rendered during the year from the Mountainside Association; the Young People's Society of the Congregational Church, Montclair, in contributing toward the support of a free bed in one of the public wards; the contributions from the churches of the several townships on Hospital Sunday; and Sunday services held by the pastors and young people; the benefactions of departed friends; the gift of \$300 from the Homoeopathic Society, Montclair; and other sums of money; work contributed, gifts of furnishings, groceries, fruit, etc., and in thanking our friends we ask for a continuance of their interest and generosity.

As in the past the Mountainside Auxiliary has been a power of strength to the hospital by its helpfulness throughout the year. Its gifts in the way of supplying various hospital needs are too numerous to specify, but we cannot forbear mentioning the painting of the interiors of the medical building, a large portion of the surgical building, including the operating room, and the exteriors of the hospital buildings.

For the painting of the Evans' Home for Nurses, we are indebted to Mr. William T. Evans, its donor.

We also acknowledge the generous donations of the Auxiliary on Thanksgiving Day and at Christmas time. By its generosity and thoughtfulness Christmas Day was a merry and happy one to all the inmates of the hospital. Holly and mistletoe and trees, well laden with gifts, in each of the five wards, made joyous the hearts of all, and "Peace on earth, good will to men" was the prevailing spirit of the day. But most appreciated of all, by the Governing Board, when at the close of the year the treasury was so low that grave doubts were entertained as to its ability to meet expenses, was the bestowal of the sum of \$1500 by the Auxiliary, to cover any deficiency that might occur in the year's income. We are glad, however, to state that through the energetic efforts of the Board of Governors, delayed subscriptions were collected, making it unnecessary to use the Auxiliary's generous gift for this purpose.

That the income of the Hospital kept pace with the outgo during the year is very gratifying, but as the work advances the expense of maintaining it will continue to increase, owing not alone to the advanced price of the necessities of life, but also to the increased cost of the necessities for medical and surgical treatment, and we realize that the maintenance of the hospital rests upon an insecure foundation unless the amount of income to meet its needs is increased in proportion to its expenses. The Board of Governors, consisting of forty-eight women, earnest, con-

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Respectfully submitted,  
MARY E. G. WHITE,  
Secretary.

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